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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

Supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statement filed on August 1, 2003, Applicant is resubmitting the Form PTO-1449 enclosed with that Information Disclosure Statement listing European Application No. 1 213 138 and the article "Verpackungs-Rundschau 9/98", pages 52 to 54 and respectfully request that the Examiner make these references of record for the following reasons.

Both these references were discussed in the specification on pages 1-2. In addition, Applicant submits herewith a brief summary of the reference "Verpackungs-Rundschau 9/98", pages 52-54.

The "Verpackungs-Rundschau 9/98" reference, in agreement with a large number of the cited references, presents the state of the art with regard to cyclo-olefin copolymers as a film material. The article discusses the chemical composition and the production of cyclo-olefin copolymers, e.g. using metallocene

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catalysts, whereby the raw materials ethylene and dicyclopentadiene are also discussed. Subsequently, the reference deals with the properties of cyclo-olefin copolymers. It is stated that this material involves colorless and highly transparent polymers that can be used for the most varied purposes, also as mixtures with other polymers. Explicitly, the shrinkability, the mechanical properties, and the imprintability of films that contain COC are presented. The shrinkage properties of films containing COC are discussed in detail, using graphs. The reference, however, does not discuss the tear initiation and tear propagation properties of these films.

It is respectfully submitted that the foregoing Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement be incorporated into the official file of the present patent application. Since this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed subsequent to an Office Action, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the \$180.00 fee from our Deposit Account No. 03-2468.

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